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*House Meets at 12:30 p.m. for Morning Hour
and 2:00 p.m. for Legislative Business
(No Votes Before 5:00 p.m.)*

Anticipated Floor Action:

- S. 768—A Bill to Provide Private Relief for the Christopher Meili Family**
- H.R. 1057—Designating the Andrew Jacobs, Jr. Post Office Building**
- H.R. 1058—Designating the John T. Myers Post Office Building**
- H.R. 1747—John F. Kennedy Center Parking Improvement Act**
- H.R. 985—Eagles Nest Wilderness Slate Creek Addition**
- S. 342—Extending Privileges to the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices**
- H.J.Res. 56—Celebrating the End of Slavery in the United States**



S. 768—A Bill to Provide Private Relief for the Christopher Meili Family

Floor Situation: The House will consider S. 768 on the private calendar as its first order of business today. Legislation placed on the private calendar may be called up on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. During floor consideration, a House sponsor will request that bills listed on the private calendar for the month be read, after which the chair of the Committee of the Whole will call for any members who may object to the bill's consideration. An objection is needed from only two members in order to remand the bill to the committee of origin.

Summary: S. 768 grants permanent residence status to Mr. Christopher Meili, along with his wife and two children, in order to avoid facing certain persecution in his native Switzerland. Meili has faced scrutiny since January for his role in the discovery of financial documents that identify as much as \$7 billion in looted assets from accounts opened by European Jews in the wake of the Nazi regime and World War II. The Meili family has asked to become permanent residents of the U.S.; however, congressional action is needed because they do not meet the current immigration criteria for such

residency status. CBO estimates that enactment will have no significant effect on the federal budget. S. 768 was introduced by Senator D'Amato. The Senate passed the measure on May 23, 1997; the bill was reported by the House Judiciary Committee by voice vote on June 11, 1997.

Views:

Republican Leadership: Supports

Chairman Hyde: Supports

Clinton Administration: No Position Available

Additional Information: See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVI, #17, June 13, 1997.



Bills Considered Under Suspension of the Rules

Floor Situation: The House will consider the following six bills under suspension of the rules after it completes consideration of S. 768. Each is debatable for 40 minutes, may not be amended, and requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

H.R. 1057 renames the Circle City Station Post Office in Indianapolis, Indiana, after Andrew Jacobs, Jr. Mr. Jacobs served in the House for 30 years beginning in the 89th Congress, then retired last year after serving 15 non-consecutive terms. The bill was introduced by Mr. Burton and was reported by the Government Reform & Oversight Committee by voice vote.

H.R. 1058 names the U.S. Postal Service under construction at 150 West Margaret Drive in Terre Haute, Indiana, after John T. Myers. Mr. Myers served in the House for 15 terms beginning in the 90th Congress and retired after the 104th Congress. The bill was introduced by Mr. Burton and was reported by the Government Reform & Oversight Committee by voice vote.

H.R. 1747—John F. Kennedy Center Parking Improvement Act amends the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize the design and construction of additions to the parking garage and other site improvements at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The bill gives the Board of Trustees the authority to design and construct additions to the parking garage, make site improvements and modifications, and develop plans and projects to improve pedestrian and vehicle access to the center. CBO estimates that enactment of the bill will result in no cost to the federal government. The bill was introduced by Mr. Shuster and was reported by the Transportation Committee by voice vote.

H.R. 985—Eagles Nest Wilderness Slate Creek Addition authorizes the addition of the 160-acre Slate Creek tract to the Eagles Nest Wilderness if the land is acquired by the United States before December 31, 2000. The bill directs the Agriculture Secretary to adjust the boundaries of the Eagles Nest Wilderness within the Arapaho and White River National Forest in Colorado to reflect the addition. According to the Forest Service, the land has been appraised at a fair market value of approximately \$160,000. The current owners are willing to donate the property only if it becomes part of the Eagles Nest Wilderness. CBO estimates that enactment will have no significant effect on

the federal budget. The bill was introduced by Mr. McNinnis and reported by the Resources Committee by voice vote on May 21, 1997.

S. 342—Extending Privileges to the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices allows the president to extend certain diplomatic privileges, exemptions, and immunities of the International Organizations Immunities Act, as well as an exemption from state and local income taxes, to the Hong Kong economic and trade offices located in the United States. Specifically, the bill allows the president to extend (1) the authority to contract and acquire property, (2) property immunity from search and confiscation, (3) an exemption from custom duties, (4) exemptions from federal, state, and local income taxes, and (5) legal protection for official communications. CBO estimates that enactment will result in no cost to the federal government. The bill was introduced by Sens. Thomas and Robb and passed by the Senate by unanimous consent. It was not considered by any House committee.

H.J.Res. 56 celebrates the end of slavery in the United States and its importance to our country's history and heritage. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Watts and was reported by the Government Reform & Oversight Committee.

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